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Y. W. C. A. FEELS GROWING PAINS

Cleverly comparing the Young Women's Christian Association to a young girl attaining toward perfect womanhood but as yet in the growing stage of her development, Miss Carlota A. Moyer gave an interesting and comprehensible report of the year's work and a general review of the achievements and aims of the association at the eleventh annual meeting which took place at the homestead on King street Friday evening.

Miss Moyer presided the president, Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, who in addition to reviewing the work, voiced an urgent plea for a handsome concrete building for a permanent young women's home in lieu of a frame structure. Mrs. Dillingham spoke of the many civic improvements which have either taken place or are contemplated for the near future, and declared that a permanent Y. W. C. A. building should be one in keeping with the progress of the city for years to come. She also told of her visit to the beautiful seven story association building in Los Angeles which was made possible through a building fund nucleus of ten dollars. She declared that the time is not ripe for as large or complete building in Honolulu, but that she heartily favors one that will be adequate to the needs of the city for years to come.

Nearly everyone in Honolulu knows of the generous act of the Mary Castle Trust in offering to the Young Women's Christian Association a large tract of land covering over three acres on King street, including the lot on which the homestead is situated, and the adjoining lot, formerly the site of the Kawaiahae Seminary. A conservative estimate of the value of this property is \$75,000 the proposition made by the Mary Castle Trust is to give the association a warranty deed to this property on the condition that \$50,000 be secured for the erection of suitable buildings. An urgent effort is now being made to raise this amount and Mrs. Dillingham contended that when this is secured there will be no necessity for a mediocre building.

The report of the treasurer, Miss Carrie Gilman showed a gratifying increase in the funds during the past year. The new members of the board announced by Mrs. Weedon, chairman of the nominating committee, are Mrs. A. P. Cooke and Miss Carrie Gilman, elected to succeed themselves, Miss Margaret Hopper, to fill out the unexpired term, Mrs. William A. Bowen and Mrs. H. E. Hendrick.

It was made known during the evening that in addition to being the eleventh anniversary of the association, it was the fifth anniversary of Miss Moyer's secretaryship, and that in order to carry out a "wooden wedding anniversary" idea, several women of the association had sent in an order to a local carpenter for a new chiffonier for Miss Moyer's use at the homestead. This will be of mission style and will fill a long felt want.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by piano numbers by Miss Duxbury, Mrs. Westervelt and Miss Jones. After the formalities of the business session, a social hour was enjoyed and light refreshments served.

Pleasure was expressed at the large representative audience present.

Eleven years ago last June a company of young women banded themselves together, adopted a constitution, elected their officers and formed the Young Women's Christian Association of Honolulu.

As during its first years a babe is helpless even while growing, so were our first years, needing tender care and love, that the Association's life might grow naturally and symmetrically. Little by little we acquired new powers, learned to think, developed new resources, but were in our childhood still.

At eleven years of age your little girl has just commenced to shoot up, and the tucks have to be taken from her dresses almost as fast as they can be put in. So with us, our growing pains shoot through us, the old dress seems tight and uncomfortable. We are eager for new things, and just as you confidently expect your child to keep on growing, so will we, till we attain to the stature of a perfect womanhood, and where now one young woman in the city feels our influence, then ten shall.

One thing in Association work that has always appealed strongly to me is the many sidedness of it. It is difficult to give one outside an adequate idea of the detail of the work done. You know of the home, you know of the lunch room, you have been hearing tonight of some of the educational work, but for just a few moments may I speak more fully of these.

This beautiful old homestead, that through the years has meant so much to many a girl away from the loved ones across the Pacific. Many make it their home through the months, and even from year to year. Others come, strangers, and instructively turn to the Association as their temporary abiding place at least. Just before the opening of the school year girls flock to us, and go from here to their various stations, coming home again and again as long as they stay in

the islands—or until they go to homes of their own.

We can accommodate comfortably twenty-four—not counting your general secretary or house secretary, but not unfrequently this is increased to twenty-eight. During the past summer through the kindness of the Mary Castle Trust, the two cottages near on Hotel street have helped out greatly for needed room, especially during summer school time. As I report tonight everything is engaged full. During the past year more than sixty young women have called this home, and only since April first have ladies only been residents.

Our office, rest and lunch rooms in the Boston building are a boon to many, not only to the business girl who comes for her noon rest and lunch, but also to tired shoppers—and mothers with little children. This year our lunch room has given a slight income to the general fund, \$562.30 having been received above all expenses except rent, since Oct. 1, 1910. 19,988 lunches have been served, and 3905 have brought their own lunch, using the small dining room.

About five hundred books have been issued from the library—but we sorely need more good books and donations of the right sort are always acceptable.

Miss Oleson has touched upon some of the educational work, two things else I would call attention to. The Shakespeare class with Mrs. I. M. Cox—meeting alternate Thursdays, Boston building, and the reading travel club, alternate Tuesday evenings at the homestead. The former is a membership privilege and at the latter we welcome any girls interested.

One new thing I must mention, the Bible Study Class led by Mrs. Weedon, every Friday evening at the homestead. Several times recently have I heard this referred to as a prayer meeting, and I want to say that while the prayer meeting has its own peculiar place, that can be taken by nothing else, this Bible Study Class is far removed from that.

For the woman, older or younger, who wishes a better understanding of what this book of books, really is, and what it teaches of God and man, let her come just one evening to our study and I am sure she will want to come again.

No personal views are advanced, no isms taught but a definite understanding of the book as a whole is aimed at, and will be attained.

Little by little, step by step we have gone forward in our work. Our ideal is ever just beyond us, but we are continually striving together to possess our possessions in our field here, reaching out in new directions for work, trying to meet the needs of every girl just as far as we can, till every woman in her home, each business man and all girls who work, will feel that this organization is one that could not possibly be spared from the city.

INVITATION TO BE CABLED

The Central Union, Christian and Methodist Episcopal churches are on record as taking favorable action in the matter of approving the proposal to bring Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the noted evangelist to Honolulu for a religious campaign in January. A representative committee of church members had previously endorsed the plan. It is now probable that a cable message will be sent to Dr. Chapman either this afternoon or tomorrow. Dr. Chapman is at present in Belfast, Ireland, but will pass through here the first of the year on his way to the Orient. It is expected that his presence here will result in the greatest spiritual revival the city has even known.

INTEREST IS KEEN IN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Religious interest of the week centers in the first convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which opened today with a luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. hall. Following the repast at noon, Charles A. Gunn of New York spoke.

The second session will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. hall. Here Hon. Otto G. Foelker of New York and Rev. Kong Yin Tet will be the speakers. This session will be open to the public.

The third session for delegates from Central Union church will convene in our parish house Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. President Griffiths of Oahu College will preside.

The fourth session will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. President Griffiths will be in the chair, and reports will be presented from the various churches. Major A. M. Davis of the U. S. Army will deliver the closing address. This session will be open to the public.

An address on the subject, "The Holy Spirit" will be given by the Rev. Robert E. Smith at the weekly prayer and Bible class service on Wednesday evening.

The minister's class of Central Union church will meet at 2:30 o'clock Thursday in the church parlor. Lesson 1 will be studied.

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